

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE PROMISED SAVIOR

Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7; Luke 2

Jesus is born.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Though we don't know much about the Magi (wise men), it's clear that they were a group of men who put their trust in the signs and wonders of the one true God.
- It took the magi many months to make their journey to find Jesus.
- Scripture tells us the star the wise men followed moved as the men traveled. Each movement of the star brought them closer to their anticipated destination.
- When the wise men found Jesus, they gave Him gifts and worshipped Him.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Bundle up your family and head outside to gaze at the stars. Simply look up at the night sky and take in the wonder of our God who created all of the stars in the universe. Ask your children to imagine following just one of these stars on a very long journey, just like the wise men did. **Read Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11.** Pray together as a family that God would help each of you worship Him in new ways during this Christmas season.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did the angels say to the shepherds?
- How do you think the shepherds felt when they saw the angels?
- What do you think it means to be saved from our sins?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is King into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that Jesus is King—over the world and over your life. May you praise Him and trust Him to guide you.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.